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Laurie Cook's Hattie



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Paint**



**Sandy Swinburne's
Abby**



**Mariah Stover's
Jensen**



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William**

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From the Editor

— by Pam Coblyn, Editor, Obichaff

Puppy Love!

“Happiness is a warm puppy.”

—Charles M. Schulz



According to the Merriam Webster dictionary **puppy love** is defined as romantic love that is felt by a child or teenager and that is not considered by adults to be real love.

Hmmmm...that's not exactly what I had in mind when I decided to do a feature on puppies!

Granted, I've only had two puppies my whole life, but it's been my experience that puppy love is a deep and abiding emotion. Miraculously, it's a mutual feeling shared by both human and animal; generated from need, trust, a desire to nurture and protect and an ineluctable fulfillment of yearning for “The Other”. Puppies and their humans define one another and I believe the bond reforms and shapes each into an intertwined soul.

We crave the sweet smell of puppy breath, the soft belly and perfect little paws. It's easy to fall into love: after all, the deep gaze of a puppy says, “You are my world, my everything and I am here to do your bidding and love you forever—no matter what.” We return that look with pure contentment.

It's this miraculous bond that makes us better people. We hone the skills necessary for raising a puppy: selflessness, kindness, discipline, organization, preparedness and self-sacrifice. We become nicer humans!

Our puppies grow up devoted to those qualities that they helped develop. In turn, we strive to be worthy of their love and loyalty. It's a perfect symbiosis and we forever ask, “Who love who more?”

“He is your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog.

You are his life, his love, his leader.

He will be yours, faithful and true,
to the last beat of his heart.

You owe it to him to be worthy of such
devotion.”

—Author Unknown



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From the President—July-August 2017

We had a wonderful Annual Awards Night and Instructor Appreciation dinner at the clubhouse on Tuesday, July 11th. Many thanks to our Awards Chair, Sandy Swinburne, our Training Director, Wendy Wilkinson, and their team of volunteers for pulling together the awards, the catering, and room set-up. It was well organized and perfectly executed!

As we enter into the hazy and hot days of August, we are looking ahead to the fall canine events, particularly Capital's annual Obedience and Rally trials. This year's trials will be held on Friday, October 6 (two Rally trials and a Novice-only Obedience trial), and Saturday/Sunday, October 7-8 (Obedience trials) at the Catoctin Kennel Club clubhouse, the same location as in the recent past. There will be many volunteer opportunities and we will be counting on you, our members, to help out and make these events the best they can be. Please mark your calendars now and plan to join us!

In addition, our final obedience run-through of 2017 will be held on Saturday, September 2nd. This is the Saturday of Labor Day weekend and a volunteer sign-up sheet will be posted in the clubhouse for you to sign up to volunteer. Volunteers are entitled to a free run.

The Board continues to work diligently on ways to increase our revenue including proposals to possibly change membership benefits. The Board will present their findings and proposals at the September general membership meeting with more discussion at the October meeting. Any changes will be voted on at the November meeting. Here is a rundown of Capital's general membership meetings by

month for the rest of 2017:

- Tuesday, August 8: Guest speaker Bob Rogers, long time Capital member and breeder of Newfoundland dogs will present on the topic of Newfies and the water rescues they perform
- Tuesday, September 12: Guest speaker Joe Corona of Montgomery County will present on the topic of Emergency Preparedness. The Capital Board will present findings and proposals on the topic of membership benefits.
- Tuesday, October 10: Guest speaker TBD. More discussion on membership benefit proposals.
- Tuesday, November 14: Guest speaker TBD. Vote by membership on membership benefit proposals.
- Tuesday, December 12: Howliday Party and Pot Luck

Capital's General Membership meetings begin at 8:00 PM and typically end by 9:00 PM. A slot of information is conveyed during these meetings. Our Policies and Procedures state that members must attend a minimum of four meetings per year. I encourage you to mark your calendars with the dates above now and plan to join us for these important meetings. We need your active engagement to keep our club strong and relevant!

Carrie Solomon
President
Capital Dog Training Club



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Delegates Corner

— by Joyce Dandridge, CDTC AKC Delegate



In the Companion Events Committee

- A discussion occurred on the recent companion events statistics. There was an increase in entries in Agility, Obedience, Rally. Overall growth combined is over 8,700 entries. An increase in the number of events also occurred in these three and also Tracking. Overall growth in events is 92.
- In **Agility** replacing the 26" jump height with 24" choice jump height was submitted to the AKC Board. This change helps handlers who want to prepare for international competitions. Without the change, those handlers would move to other organizations to compete to gain the experience they need for them and their dogs. It will be effective January 2, 2018 if approved.
- AKC Staff recommended allowing a dog to be transferred from one class to another at the request of the exhibitor after the closing date for entries, thus removing the restriction that a dog had to earn a title after the closing date, *provided the club allows transfers and only if the class and judge are available*. This was approved by the Board and is effective July 1, 2017.
- The AKC Board approved the staff recommendation of amending the **Tracking Regulations** to allow dogs to wear protective boots during tests. Some safety concerns have been identified due to the spread of dangerous foxtail and thorny plants in the fields used for tracking. This could also minimize the concerns with some lawn chemical exposure and broken glass that were found in fields periodically.
- **Update on Scent Work**—AKC Scent Work will launch on October 1. The regulations have been written and are available on the AKC Scent Work website. Any AKC club can be licensed to hold the event. Clubs are submitting applications now and so far there are 61 clubs as of June 1. A judge's education class has been developed and has been distributed to judges with approved applications. Judges are currently being approved provided they have experience in Nose Work with other organizations or have had professional experience training detection dogs and have passed a test to assure familiarity with the AKC Regulations. On

August 1, clubs may start applying for events to be held after October 1. The first AKC Scent Work event will be held in conjunction with the Eukanuba Performance Games on September 14-17 in Wilmington, OH.

- The **AKC Trick Dog Program** officially launched May 1. The program is being administered by Mary Burch, Director of the CGC Program. Trick dog titles must have been certified by a CGC Evaluator. There are four levels of titles. As of June 1, AKC has received over 2900 title applications. Many clubs have added Trick Dog Training classes.
- The **Achiever Dog** pilot program will launch on December 1. A dog that earns a ribbon in three different sports will receive an Achiever Dog certificate. It is not a titling program. The purpose of the program is to encourage owners to try several different sports in the hope that they will find the one that works for them. At the end of the year, all certificate holders will be surveyed to determine the future of the program.
- **Obedience/Rally** changes to apparel in the ring possibly passed by the AKC Board in July/August. AKC Staff is proposing to allow exhibitors and ring stewards to wear club clothing, AKC event clothing, or clothing displaying the person's name, the dog's call name and/or the dog's picture. The dog's titles would not be allowed nor would graphics or writings in poor taste or in conflict with a sponsor of an event. If approved, it would be effective September 1, 2017.

Status of Group Exercise Task Force

A Task Force has been assembled to discuss the obedience group stays exercises. With entries dropping and since many feel the basis for the reduced entries is the risk dogs face when placed in Group Exercises, this review team will look at what steps we can take to alleviate the feeling by modifying the regulations to reduce the implied perception of risk. It is AKC's hope that the Task Force will be able to reach agreement on ways to improve the overall perception of the sport of obedience and generate interest and incentive to attract new people by addressing current concerns.

The Task Force members are:

- Mr. Bob Amen (CT)
AKC Obedience Judge, former AKC BOD
- Ms. Lori Drouin (CA)
AKC Obedience Judge, trainer, writer
- Mrs. Sharon Redmer (MI)
AKC Obedience/Rally/Conf/JS Judge
- Dr. Pamela Regan (CA)
AKC Obedience/Rally Judge
- Betsy Scapicchio (NJ)
Multi-OTCH owner/handler/trainer

This team will review the class exercises and ring procedures and make recommendations to the AKC Staff for possible amendments to the regulations. A meeting will be held at the AKC Raleigh office on June 27-29, 2017.

- **Status of New Rally Classes-** In February the AKC Board approved amendments to the Rally Regs. These amendments included the addition of the Rally Intermediate Class and the Rally Master Class. The Intermediate Class is required if a club offers the Advanced classes. The Master class is required if the club offers the Excellent classes. Clubs may start to apply for events with these new

classes on August 1, 2017 for events held on or after December 1, 2017.

- John Cox has been hired by AKC as an Obedience Contractor on the West Coast. He will conduct tests and interviews.

In the General Meeting

- An announcement was made about AKC Board member, Steve Gladstone's passing in Australia.
- In the Forum, there was a panel discussion on **Dealing with Misconduct at Events**. In 2016, there were 142 instances of misconduct. At every event, there MUST be present at least 3 event committee members in case a bench show needs to be held. A report must be turned in on the day of the event. A club should have the latest version of the booklet "Dealing With Misconduct at AKC Events and forms. Every attempt must be made to hold hearing on day of the event and to choose a hearing location that is quiet and out of the way. Have plenty of pads of paper for detailed notes.

Update on Group Stays

Please read Task Force's Suggestions which have been released.

Important Notice!

The Obichaff newsletter will be published bi-monthly starting 2017. The issues will be:

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Publication date: 9/15/17

November/December issue:

Deadline for articles: 11/1/17
Publication date: 11/15/17

Obedience Run-thrus in 2017

- **NO AUGUST run-thru!**

■ **September 2, 2017, SATURDAY.** Doors open 9:45, registration 10-11. Runs begin 10:30 for Open/Utility. Novice/Beginners Novice entries at 10:30-11:30, runs begin NO EARLIER THAN 12:00 or first available ring. **Treats, training allowed in ring. Prong & training collars allowed. NO E-COLLARS! First entry \$8, second entry same dog \$5. Online early registration on our website—discounted prices and earlier position in run sheets \$7 for first run, \$4 additional run.**

Contact Jodie Jeweler- jodie@jewelerfamily.com for more information.

Brags—CDTC Members & Dogs Take To the Ring!

Puppies Rule the Ring!

Megan Hemmer's Winni earned her RLP (Rally Puppy) title with a 1st Place On July 5 on Swanzey, NH! Then she earned her first leg towards her Puppy Championship title also with a 1st Place.

On sunday June 18, **Nanuq** earned his CGCA (Community Canine Good Citizen) title along with her NTD—her third title!

Later, **Kai** earned his STAR PUPPY and his NTD (Novice Trick Dog) title—thats two titles and only 5 months old!

What wonderful pups with such bright futures—and lucky to be with Megan!



A New Cynosport Rally Title!

Amy Cook and **Kinsey** took a 1st Place in World Cynosport Rally at CTA on July 15th to complete her RL2 title with an "Award of Excellence"!

Way to go, Amy and Kinsey—a title and an Excellent Award means you are on top—we like how you celebrate with a bottle of bubbly!



A New Cynosport Rally Title!

Sandi Atkinson received news that she passed the AKC Open Obedience test on June 18, 2017. She is now a provisional judge for Open, Preferred Open, and Graduate Open obedience classes. Sandi is already approved to judge the four Novice classes.

Sandi is officially known as:

Sandi Atkinson

AKC Judge #42466

Approved, All Novice Obedience Classes & All Rally Classes

Provisional, All Open Obedience Classes

CDSP - All Obedience Classes

UKC Judge #6502 - All Obedience & Rally Classes

Congratulations, Sandi...well done!

New CDX Obedience Title!

Brad Smith reports, "I'm thrilled to report Judge Cheryl Pratt awarded **Tula** her first Utility A leg with a score of 186.5 out of 200 points. I made a handling error on the signaling exercise which cost us 3 of the points."

Error or not, you earned your first leg along with a 1st Place...well done!



New CDX Obedience Title!

Laurie Cook and **Tessie** (Bear Hug Joy to the World CDX RA JH NA NAJ NE NAVHDA NA3) finally remembered that "sit" means SIT and she completed her CDX title at the Richmond Dog Obedience Club trial on June 25, 2017. Tessie earned a score of 184.5 for 2nd Place.

What a good girl, Tessie. We knew that you knew Sit and would nail this title!



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AKC Rally News

The AKC approved new changes to Rally that go into effect on November 1 2017. All licensed Rally Judges will automatically be allowed to judge the two new classes.

The AKC created two additional Rally classes:

■ Intermediate class

To be eligible for this class dogs must have won the Rally Novice (RN) title but have not earned a qualifying score in a Rally Advanced. All dogs are judged on leash. Rally Intermediate must have between 12 to 17 signs (Start and Finished not included) with a minimum of three and a maximum of seven stationary signs. Intermediate courses will have a minimum of three Advanced level signs. There are no jumps in this class. The letters RI may be added after the name of each dog that has been certified by at least two different judges to have received qualifying scores in Intermediate class at three licensed or member rally trials.

■ Master class

To be eligible for this class a dog must have won the Rally Excellent (RE) title. All dogs are judged off-leash. The Master class must have between 15 to 20 signs (Start and Finish not included) with a minimum of three and a maximum of seven stationary signs. Courses will have a minimum of three Advanced level signs, three Excellent level signs, four Master level signs plus the one required jump sign. There are no retries for any of the signs on the Rally Master course. Unlike in the Rally Novice, Intermediate and Advanced classes, in the Rally Master class handlers are not allowed to pat their legs or clap their hands to encourage the dog. Verbal encouragement, multiple commands and/or inaudible signals using one or both arms and hands are allowed; the handler's arms need not be maintained in any particular position at any time. Handlers may not touch their dog or make any physical corrections. The letters RM may be added after the name of each dog that has been certified by at least two different judges to have received qualifying scores in the Master class at ten licensed or member rally trials. That dog will receive a Rally Master certificate from the AKC. The letters RM will be followed by a numeric designation indicating the number of times a dog has met the requirements of the RM title as defined in these regulations. (RM2 for 20 qualifying scores, RM3 for 30 qualifying scores, RM4 for 40 qualifying scores, etc.)

■ A dog is required to jump once in the **Advanced** class, twice in the **Excellent** class and once in the **Master** class.

■ In terms of difficulty, the Intermediate class is between the current Novice and Advanced classes. The Master class will be more difficult than the Excellent class. There will be titles associated with these new classes.

■ In addition, a Rally Championship prefix title (RACH) is recommended for dogs that achieve a given number of triple Qs (qualify in the Advanced, Excellent and Master class at the same trial) plus earn a given number of points from the Master class. Wednesday, November 1, 2017.

■ The new Rally signs can be viewed at http://images.akc.org/pdf/events/rally/2017_RALLY_SIGN_SET_030717_v2.pdf.



The Rally Training Group

Train, polish, learn and have fun with your dog!



Set up for Rally Training Group is 1:00-1:25pm. Walk-thrus 1:25-1:40, run-thrus 1:40-2:45. Please come early to help set up the course or stay late to help take it down (it's easy!). Also, if you have adequate knowledge of all rally signs, please offer to assist in judging.

Come by on Saturday afternoons—check the back page for dates!

BREAKING NEWS—

AKC Rule Change For Obedience Out-Of-Sight Stays



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July 5, 2017

The AKC convened a task force of five judges, exhibitors and trainers to explore changes that could maximize safety, while still testing the important aspect of the “Stay” skill.

Mindful of the concerns and suggestions sent to the AKC from all sectors of the sport, the Task Force members spent three days exploring and formulating changes.

In today’s culture of diverse dog training methods and philosophies that variously impact the behavior of dogs coming to trials, the **AKC recognizes exhibitor concerns for stronger safety measures to protect all dogs from interference of any kind in the ring during competition.** At the same time, there is also a strong consensus in the sport that the impulse control and obedience demonstrated in group stays must be preserved.

The committee’s work resulted in the following recommendations:

- The creation of new individual exercises for **Novice** and **Open** that will test a Stay with distance between dog and handler.
- That one group exercise be retained in **Novice** that will test both sit and down stays in the presence of other dogs, with spacing and leash use to ensure safety, and a formation option that will allow up to ten dogs in the ring.
- That **Open** Out-of-Sight stays be replaced by an individual exercise also testing Sit and Down skills, and a command discrimination exercise that will demonstrate steadiness and obedience at a distance with skills performed in place. For Open A dogs, the exercise creates a stepping stone toward Utility. For the Open B dogs, a randomized order of skills is designed to challenge experienced teams at least as much as the group exercises do now.
- The recommended changes will streamline scheduling for judges, reduce conflicts for exhibitors showing multiple dogs, and maintain a level of challenge appropriate to the class. With more confidence in their dogs’ safety in the ring, we hope that concerned owners will re-engage in AKC obedience and feel inspired to pursue their goals.

More details will be published when descriptions have been fine-tuned by AKC. It is anticipated this will occur around the beginning of September.

From Sandi Atkinson: Details of possible changes to the obedience group exercises (Stays) may be published in September, 2017. However, an effective date for the new exercises in whatever form they may be would likely not happen until the beginning of 2018. This would allow time for the suggested changes to be discussed and/or tried out in informal settings (classes, run-throughs, etc.). My information comes from the Obedience Judges’ email list.

My Dog Can Do That!

Capital Dog Training Club will offer

AKC Trick Dog testing in all three levels on Sunday, September 10th, from 2-4 p.m at CDTC. Pre-registration is required. A sign-up form is in the files section of the Yahoo group.

Questions? Please email Dianne Harab: dharab@yahoo.com or call 202-491-1105.

The Next Generation— **A Crop of New Puppies at CDTC!**

Cap is formally AKC Lycinan's Captain Marvelous—a happy, smart and active puppy whose tail is almost always wagging. **Gwyn Jones**, Capp's owner-handler reports, "He's a great problem-solver who seems to be carrying at least one of his favorite toys around at any given point in time. True to his retriever roots, Cap also loves swimming, retrieving, and bringing you random items he thinks you might appreciate."

"Cap and I have done the Advanced Basic Obedience class as well as Beginning Conformation at CDTC, and we now attend the Tuesday and Saturday Conformation classes whenever we can. Our first "real" show is the National Capital Kennel Club Show up in West Friendship, July 9. We look forward to an exciting multi-sport career together"



A very happy Capp!



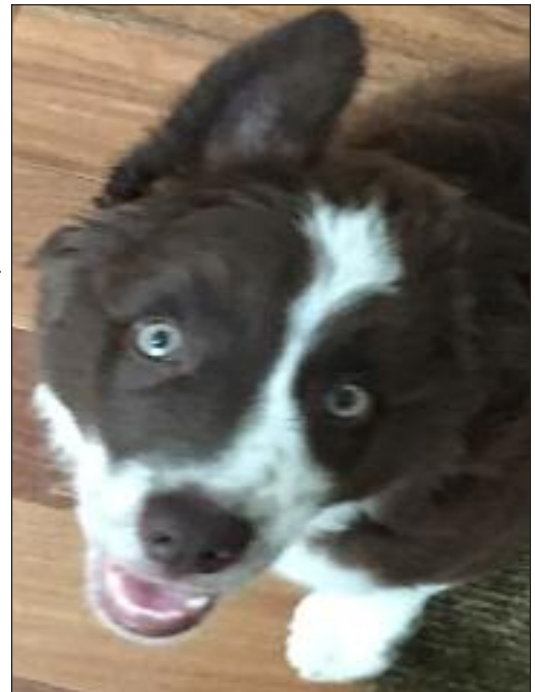
Stanley is ready to fly!

Vanessa Andrews'
Stanley is her new Jack/Rat rescue who was about 4-5 months when she adopted him in December. Stanley will be one year old this summer. He is following in the footsteps of Vanessa's Norwich and is beginning his agility training with puppy classes.

Shannon Hall has BIG news! "I want to introduce **Connor Mac Nessa**, born March 31 2017—and already determined to be in charge. This little guy went from his breeder to a non-performance home where they really just wanted a nice pet. Not a good match! I had already put in a request with a border collie rescue organization, asking for an adolescent or young adult. The director called me and said, "No beating around the bush! I want to know if you can take a nine week old puppy who needs a dog savvy home."

Connor is an adorable handful. He is a very busy puppy. He sits to say "Please!", enjoys playing roughly with his brother Simon, wants to chase the cats and plays with his many toys. As far as I can tell he is afraid of nothing. Fortunately, he crates nicely when I need a break.

We've started focus exercises and learning heel position. As time goes on we will add targeting and other puppy games. I sure hope he and I have a lot of fun together—wish me luck!"



Conner is ready for everything!



Sweet, smart and soulful Robbie immediately made lasting memories.



News from ecstatic **Carol Crawford**: "I have a new Shiloh Shepherd puppy, born March 16, 2017. His full name is Imladris' Rob Roy of Arrochar, but his call name is **Robbie**. He will take over therapy work from my adult Shiloh Lucy, who is also Robbie's biological aunt. Robbie is enrolled in PuppyK, and last week he was the instructor's demo pup! Afterwards, she declared he was "awesome" which I have thought all along!. The photo is of Robbie meeting my husband David when we brought him home the day before Mother's Day. Dave died suddenly 2 1/2 weeks after this was taken, and I now cherish it even more. Puppy Robbie gave Dave such smiles and laughs! We are blessed."



Mia is outstanding!

Janice Kopp has two new ones! "**Mia** and **Lettie** came to me four weeks ago from the well-known Southwind Black and Tan Coonhound Kennel owned by Rayann Reynolds. Both girls are expected to go into the show ring in September. They are with me for training and socialization. My big boy, Shay, is their uncle.

Lettie is the more outgoing one and she is constantly searching for trouble. Everything has to go into her mouth and she has a grown-up bark. Whereas, Mia is softer and less adventurous. However, she is an outstanding example of breed type. Unfortunately, she had a terrible accident two weeks ago and sustained an serious chemical burned eye. The veterinary ophthalmologist is trying very hard to save her vision and good looks."

Best of luck to Mia!



Lettie has to "taste" everything!

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Pete strikes a pose!

Maura Wright is rightfully proud! “I have a new, 5 month old harlequin Dane boy called **Pete**. He is named after my 92 yr old father as a fun nod to him since we opted not to have 2-legged children. Pete just graduated from Eileen Freedman’s PuppyK class and is preparing to start Shannon Hall’s Basic Obedience series. I’m hoping to put titles on him front & back as well as to get involved in therapy work—provided that it suits him.

If all goes well, Pete will be my third owner-handled champion Great Dane!”

Amy Cook is excited about her new puppy **Christopher Robin** (AKC Reg. Honeyfox Top of the Class)! “Robin is a my fourth Pembroke Welsh Corgi and we couldn’t be more excited for this new boy to join our family. Robin, now five months, is from Breeder of Merit Susan Strickland, making him cousin to club member Julie Rovner’s corgis, Wallace and Grommit. Robin loves playing with his new sister Kinsey, but he has big paws to fill as his corgi daddy, Topper (Honeyfox Hot at the Top), has taken High in Trial six times. No doubt Robin has a very bright future ahead!”



Robin is a delighted sassypants!



Puppy Kai is completely cute!

Megan Hemmer brought home **Kai**, a new border collie puppy to join her beloved pack. “I was not looking for a puppy. Winni was just 7 months old, when I saw Kai’s picture on Facebook. He lived on a ranch in AZ. I knew having two puppies was going to be an intense time commitment but Kai reminded me so much of my Grace, so I decided he had to be mine. He flew to MD right after Easter when he was 3 months old and is a complete joy!

“My new pack is wonderful! Granted it is a huge change from the pack of four I had 1.5 years ago, but they are all healthy and happy! And since they are so different—one toy, one herding and one hunting—one tiny, one medium and one large—there is no comparing them...although Nani has been the easiest to train of the three!”

Our CDTC Puppies Prepare for the Conformation Ring!



Jeff Harab is proud of his Conformation Puppy People who meet Saturday mornings. "We have a Corgi, a Great Dane, a Toy Spaniel, two Black & Tan Coonhounds, two Golden Retrievers and a few more cuties learning how to strut their best stuff in the show ring. Every Saturday is puppy play time in conformation!"



Puppies Get A Head Start at CDTC's Popular Puppy Kindergarten Class!



From CDTC Member, Wendy Wilkenson: "I walked in to Carol Rosen's PuppyK class today and saw so many happy puppies learning the basics. Carrie Solomon assists Carol to make sure each team has hands-on guidance. Everyone was very busy and the puppies were doing beautifully!:"

And, Human Babies Help Out!

*CDTC Obedience Instructor
Donna Cleverdon's grandchild
Mischa auditioning for our new
Equipment Manager.
Stack those numbered cones
sweet girlie!*





Ooohs & Ahhs... Puppy Kindergarten!



by Eileen Freedman

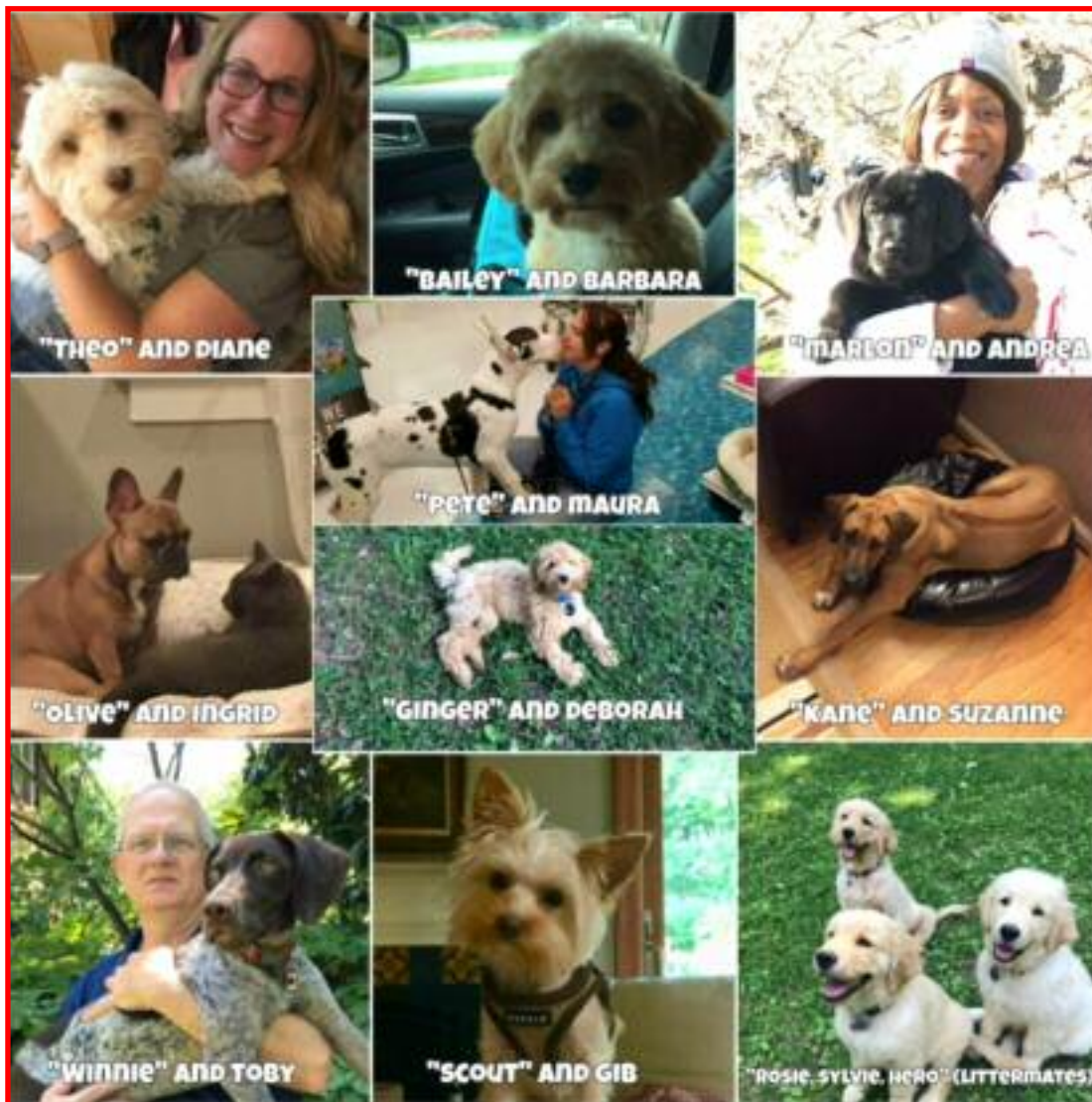
I teach an eight week Puppy Kindergarten class at Capital on Sundays at 9:00 am. My assistants and I get to train new puppy parents how to start off on the right foot (so to speak) training their pups to do all kinds of behaviors. We get to spend time with lots of wonderful people and adorable puppies. Teaching people how to train their dog is a great way to start a Sunday!

Puppies—age from 10 to 20 weeks—come to class knowing how to eat, poop, pee, play and sleep...usually in that order. Eight weeks later, they still eat, poop, pee, play and sleep, but now also know how to SIT, DOWN, STAND, COME, WAIT and how to walk POLITELY ON LEASH. Some of these behaviors are learned quickly (sit, down, stand, come) other behaviors (wait, polite leash walking) are learned over a period of time.

The photo of my most recently graduated class includes a 3 pound Yorkie named Scout, a 70 pound Rhodesian Ridgeback named Kane and a HUGE Great Dane named Pete. As you can see from the class photo, in this kindergarten class there was a Frenchie, 2 Doodles, a Lab/Rottie, a Cavapoo and a German Short-haired Pointer. I was also blessed with three littermate Golden Retrievers!

Most of these teams have moved on to Basic Obedience. Others are waiting for summer vacations to get out of the way so that they can return to group training in Basic.

Scottie, Lab/Golden mix, Basset mix, 2 Labs and a little thing we can't identify. Yep...count 'em 14 puppies...but I have four assistants!



Maya

7/12/07-7/7/17

Owned and loved by Ken Briefel



With little warning, my sweet Maya suffered a splenic bleed from probable hemangiosarcoma and was euthanized after a long visit from her family. She did not deserve to suffer.

Maya was an excellent agility dog, earning 2 VERS NATCHs, 11 NATCHs, NADAC's Elite All-Around and a spot in the NADAC Hall of Fame. Far beyond that, she was just a nice, sweet dog who loved making friends with people. For the last 2 years she was friend and mentor to Max who now will only have Ziggy to torment.

Summer is Barking Fun—CDTC Dogs Play & Relax!

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**Missy McMunn's
Landacre Crew**



**Valerie Gordon's
Hero & Glory**



**Pam Coblyn's
Fenway**

CDTC Member Thank You's

At the CDTC, we like to give credit to fellow members who stepped up to help and lent a hand when needed. If you are feeling grateful to any member who has made a difference in your trialing or overall club experience, please email your note of thanks to the Obichaff editor: pamcoblyn@comcast.net

CDTC Annual Dinner Silent Auction

The Silent Auction, held in conjunction with our Awards Dinner and Instructor Appreciation, netted \$440. Thanks to everyone who donated some really nice items. I am sure that those lucky enough to take them home will enjoy them.

I'd like to thank all the people who helped set up, tally, collect proceeds and release items. They are Sue Faber, Alice Hathaway, Terri Marvel, and probably a couple of others who I forget.

—Donna Cleverdon

Marsha Iyomasa— On-the Spot Draft Test Steward

Thank You Marsha!

I've raised and shown Newfs in conformation and obedience since the 1980's. In the early 90's I got hooked on Newfoundland working events; draft work (pulling carts, wagons, sleighs, and travois), and water rescue (towing boats, rescuing drowning swimmers, and retrieving objects from the water). Last year I invited Joyce Dandridge to observe a Water Test where dogs have to prove they know how to perform rescues, and this month I invited Marsha Iyomasa to come watch a Swiss Mountain Dog Draft Test at their National Specialty in Bethlehem, PA. I've been showing Marsha and Koa how to size harnesses, and begin to do draft work.

What I don't think Marsha realized until she arrived at the Test on May 15th was that she was going to have the opportunity to get really close to Draft work. The Chief Steward spotted her shortly after she arrived and immediately put her to work as a steward (I was already working as one of the Test Judges).

Bethlehem is the home of "Peeps" (the marshmallow candy chick you see at Easter) and the company donated 50 cases of candy to the Draft Test. Being the resourceful people that we are, we chose a case of candy as the lightweight freight every team had to load and secure for the Test (as an added bonus, exhibitors got to keep their case of candy).

This is a great big brag to Marsha for her dedication to learning Draft work. Two Draft Tests were being run simultaneously. Marsha was initially co-opted to work on one Test as a friendly stranger (similar to the CGC but with a twist). Later, she came over to the Test I was judging and helped out on the Freight Haul. Her comment to me after the Test was that she "got her 10,000 steps in today" (the Freight Haul is a one mile hike for the dog/handler teams accompanied by stewards to ensure safety). They are Sue Faber, Alice Hathaway, Terri Marvel, and probably a couple of others who I forget.

—Bob Rogers

From Jodie Jeweler, CDTC Run-Thru Coordinator Maven

THANK YOU to everyone who came out & helped out at the July run-thru! I REALLY appreciated it! We had plenty of help—without me begging! Special thanks goes to Sandi Atkinson's lovely granddaughter, Ruby!

Because of all the volunteers, CDTC had a successful day. We raised money for the club and provided a community service for trainers. And I think we got a new student!

There is NO RUN THRU in August... I'll see you in September!

Something Fun— A Little Ditty For Obedience Competitors!

Another gem is from Sandi Atkinson!

Overheard At Obedience Practice: Dandini the Cavalier to Figaro the Basenji
Sung to the Tune of "Anything You Can Do" from *Annie Get Your Gun*

When we heel I can heel
Closer to Mama
I can heel closer to
Mama than you.
No, you can't. Yes, I can.
No, you can't. Yes, I can.
No, you can't. Yes, I can, yes, I can!

On a lap I can fit
In a real small space
I can fit on a lap
Better than you.
No, you can't. Yes, I can.
No, you can't. Yes, I can.
No, you can't. Yes, I can, yes, I can!

I can grab a dumbbell
While ignoring floor smell
I can sit much straighter
Lie down now, not later.
I can work for praise alone.
Without a treat? Yes.
Now that's some feat!

On a sit I can stay
Longer than you can.
I can hold any stay
Longer than you.
No-o-o-you-can't.
Y-e-s—I-c-a-n. No-o-o-o-y-o-u-c-a-n't.
Y-e-s—I-c-a-n.
No-o-o-o-o-y-o-u-c-a-n't.
Y-E-S—I-C-A-N!
YES—I-CAN!

(At this point, Figaro admitted defeat by wandering off to check out a grease spot on the floor.
Dandini held his sit and waited for his good-boy stay treat!)

Please Help Out At CDTC!

We are an all-volunteer organization that both needs and expects our members to attend meetings, volunteer to help with club events and engage in our club's activities. Yes, life is busy and there are times when it is not possible to put our club first in your lives. When you can, please volunteer, attend and engage in our club. We want you to and we need you to participate!

CDTC Annual Awards Dinner— *A Celebration & Silent Auction!*

Thanks to Sandy Swinburne, Wendy Wilkinson and Laura Rubin for the photos of a splendid evening!







Come to the Montgomery County Fair— Plan to Join CDTC Members & Demo!

— by Sandi Atkinson, CDTC Member and AKC Judge

Capital DTC's 25th annual demonstration of dog sports (obedience, rally, agility, tricks, etc.) is coming up next month on Saturday evening, August 19.

CDTC's annual demonstration of dog training sports is expected to be on Saturday, August 19 beginning at approximately 6:30 p.m.

If you participated in the past and would like to do so again—or if you have never participated and would like to this year—please contact me either at 301-977-2867 or idnasa@aol.com.

Whether or not your dog has perfected what you have been training it to do is not terribly important. You are welcome whether you are only just starting out in training or you have been at it awhile and you are now doing advanced work. What is important is that dogs be up to date on vaccinations (required anyway for CDTC's classes) and be okay around many people, including kids, and other dogs (of course). Typically, most of the audience remains in their seats while we show off what our dogs can do. Occasionally we ask for volunteers from the audience—they usually are kids—when we demonstrate a Stand For Exam or just to meet the dogs. And, depending on what you are demonstrating and your dog's skill level, you may work on or off-leash. Certainly, a dog that is able to do things like Retrieving, Signals at a distance, or fast weave poles can be spectacular, but it is also useful to show how dogs learn and the training stages we go through. Perhaps someone sitting in the audience will be more likely to take up training

when they see that anyone can train and that nearly any dog can benefit from coming to class! If your dog is not ready for off-leash work, you can work him/her on a leash or long-line.

And, in case you didn't know, the AVERAGE person is VERY IMPRESSED with basic stuff like Stays and Recalls. To someone unfamiliar with obedience training, finishes are a real neat trick!

The demo is held at the Cattle Show Pavilion at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds in Gaithersburg.

It's under cover but the sides are open and the surface is straw. Livestock judging is held in this area during the week

before our demo. The weather may be rather hot and humid, but the pavilion is located next to the ice cream building....

If you want to participate in this year's demo, don't delay—please contact me, Sandi Atkinson, with your name, dog's name, breed, what your area of expertise is, etc.

CDTC has been going to the Fair since I started the demonstrations in 1993. It's been a good success and is the only thing we do that actually reaches folks who probably don't go to any organized dog events. Over the years, we have had varying levels of involvement, including booths staffed by many of our willing club members and we showed videos of obedience trials. Talks were given by knowledgeable club members and full-scale agility demos were held with all the big equipment brought in via a rented truck.

Let's make THIS year a super year for CDTC—Come join us in all the fun!



Where in the World is Megan?

Hiking New Hampshire!

*By Megan Hemmer,
Member CDTC*

Let's Head North !

It was time to beat the heat, get out of town and hike New Hampshire!

On June 5, we stopped at Pisgah State Park, NH. We did the Kilburn Loop first,—a 5 mile trail. Then, we did the Pisgah Mountain Loop, an 8.5 mile looping trail. We only saw two people all day, both about 0.5 mile from the car on the way back!

The mosquitos were bad, but otherwise it was a nice hike.

My new Puppy Kai got carried when he was tired because stopping to rest him rest only gave the mosquitoes a better chance to bite!



Where in the World is Megan?

Hiking New England!

*By Megan Hemmer,
Member CDTC*

Let's Go North Again!

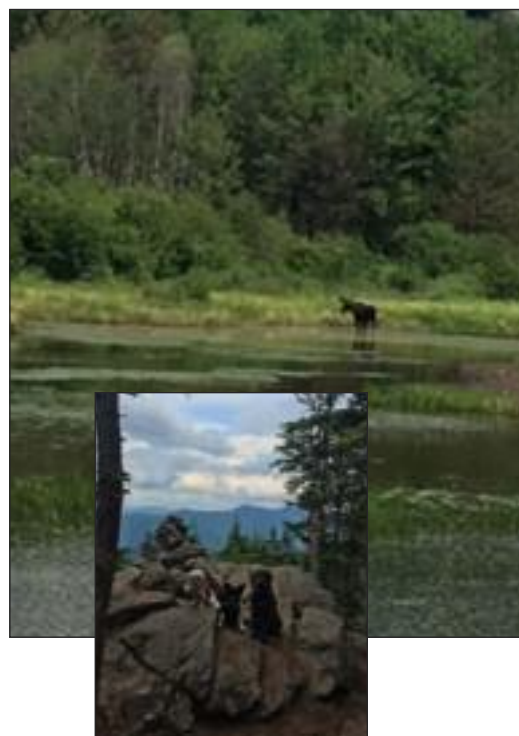
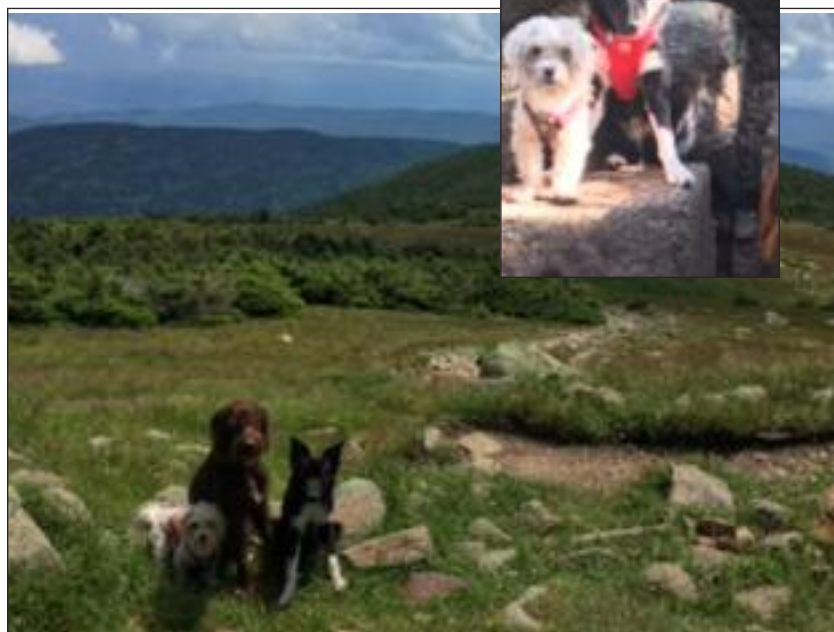
On Saturday July 15, I drove my whole gang to Vermont!

The next day on Sunday, Nani earned his first Rally Novice AKC leg! We celebrated this milestone with a hike a little on a stretch of the Appalachian Trail and then summited Mt. Hale. A moose ran in front of our car—whew!

On Monday, we summited Mt. Tom and Mt. Fields in New Hampshire where we saw another moose by a pond. Then we did Mt. Tecumseh in New Hampshire. We just barely made it off the mountain before the severe thunder and hail storm hit!

The next day, on Tuesday, we played at the Silver Cascades and then summited Mt. Moosilauke in New Hampshire!

In just 48 hours, we summited five of the New Hampshire 48—48 mountains taller than 4,000 feet!—and saw two more moose. It was a truly glorious experience!



CLASS SCHEDULES

Day	Date	Time	Instructor	Time	Class	Instructor
PUPPY KINDERGARTEN				AGILITY		
Wed	5:00-5:50 pm, 6/7-7/26		Rosen	Wed	8:00-9:15 pm Starts 8/16	Hall
Sun	9-9:50 am 7/9-8/27		Freedman	Sun	10:15-11:45 am Starts 8/20	deBremond
BASIC, ADVANCED BASIC & SUB-NOVICE				Sun	11:45-1:00 pm Starts 8/20	Heyes
Mon	Sub-Novice	7:15-8:05 pm	Adler/Dwyer	Sun	4:45-6:15 pm Starts 8/13	deBremond
Mon	Basic	8:30-9:20 pm	Hall	Sun	6:15-7:30 pm Starts 8/13	Carter & Wohl
Tue	Basic	6:00-6:50 pm	Reinhardt	Sun	7:30-8:45 pm 6/4-6/25	Carter
Thur	Sub-Novice	9:30-10:20 am	Adler/Dwyer	FREESTYLE		
Sat	Basic, /13-6/17	9-9:50 am	Solomon	Mon	C	10:00-12:00 pm Ely
Sat	Adv. Basic, 6/10-7/15	10:00-10:50 am	P. Miller	FLYBALL		
NOVICE				Sat	Beginning 6:30-7:30 pm	Dwyer
Mon	C	7:15-8:05 pm	Glass	Sat	Intermediate 7:30-8:30 pm	Dwyer
Thurs	C	9:30-10:20 am	Holt	Sat	Competition 8:30-9:30 pm	Dwyer
Thurs	C	6:00-6:50 pm	Dwyer	CGC		
OPEN				Sun	Prep 8/26, 9/9-23 Jeweler 3:00 pm	All Rings
Mon	C	6:00-7:15 pm	LaDieu	Sun	Prep 10/14-28, 11/5 Jeweler 3:00 pm	All Rings
Tue	C (Beg.)	7:00-7:50 pm	Cleverdon	Sun	Test 9/24, 11/5 Solomon 2:00-5:00 pm	All Rings
Thurs	C (Intermed.)	8:00-9:00 pm	Harry	TDI TEST		
UTILITY				Sun	Test 10/24 Hertz	3:00-5:00 pm All Rings
Mon	C	8:15-9:05 pm	Adler	TRAINING GROUPS		
Thurs	C	6:00-7:00 pm	Harry/Prep	Mon	C	10:00-12:00 pm Ely (Freestyle)
Thurs	C	7:00-8:00 pm	Harry	Tue	C	6:00-6:30 Cleverdon (Open & Util)
RALLY				On Hold		
Thurs	Rally Class Set Up	11-11:30 am		Tue	C	8:00 Conformation
ThursC	11:30-12:15 pm	Daniel/Comp.		Wed	C	9:30-10:20 am McCown
Thurs	Rally Take Down	12:15 to 12:30		Wed	C	11:30-12:00 pm Spodak (Obedience TG)
Sat	TG: Rally	1:00-3:00	McAuliffe, Faber	Wed	C	12:00-1:00 pm Spodak (Open Discussion)
TRICKS				Wed	C	1:00 pm Spodak (Freestyle TG)
Tue	Adv. Tricks	11:30-12:50 pm	Rosen	Wed	C	4:30-5:30 pm Cleverdon
TRICKS TEST				Thurs	C	10:30-11:30 am Holt
Sun	Test 9/10	Harab	2:00-4:00 pm	Thurs	C	12:30-2:20 pm Goldstein
CONFORMATION				Fri	C	12:3-2:00 pm Faber
Tue	Training Group	8pm	1-2	Sat	C	10:00-11:00 pm Harab
Fri	Group, April 20	7-9 pm	Bldg.	Sat	C	1:00-3:00 pm McAuliffe/Harab/Smith
				Sun	C	9:00-10:15 am Bob Reinhardt
				BUILDING CLEANING		
				Tues	C	1:00 pm-3:30 pm
				TG = Training Group		
				C = Continuing Class		

CLASS SCHEDULES

Time	Class	Instructor	Ring	Time	Class	Instructor	Ring
MONDAY				FRIDAY			
10-12 noon	Freestyle TG	Ely	Bldg	10:00-12:00	Freestyle	Ely	1-2-3
6:00-7:15	Open	LaDieu	2-3	12:30-2:00 pm	TG: UDX	Faber	2-3
7:15-8:05	Sub-Novice	Adler/Dwyer	3	SATURDAY			
7:15-8:05	Novice	Glass	1-2	9-9:50 am	Puppy K, 9/9-10/28	Solomon	2-3
8:15-9:05	Utility	Adler	2-3	11-11:50 am	Conformation TG	J. Harab	Bldg
8:30-9:20	Basic, 7/24-8/28	Hall	1	3-3:50	CGC Prep	Jeweler	Bldg
TUESDAY				8/26, 9/9-9/23			
11:30-12:30	Advanced Tricks	Rosen	1-2	1:00-3:00	Rally Training Group		Bldg
1-3:30 pm	Building Cleaning			McAuliffe/Harab/Faber/Smith			
6:00 pm	Novice	Cleverdon	2-3	6:30-7:30	Beg. Flyball	Dwyer	Bldg
6:00-6:50	Basic 8/1-9/5	Reinhardt	1	7:30-8:30	Intermediate Flyball	Dwyer	Bldg
7:00-7:50	Beg. Open	Cleverdon	2-3	8:30-9:30	Competition Flyball	Dwyer	Bldg
8:00	Conformation Training Group		1-2	SUNDAY			
8:00	Instructors Briefing	Daniel	1-2	8-10:15 am	Open TG	Reinhardt	1-2
(Alternate dates with TG and Member & Board meetings)				9-9:50 am	Puppy K	Freedman	2-3
8:00-10:00	CDTC Meeting, 8/8		Bldg.	7/9-8/27			
WEDNESDAY				10:15-11:45	Agility-Beginner	deBremond	Bldg.
9:30-10:20 am	TG: Novice	McCown	1-2	Starts 8/20-10/8			
11:30-noon	TG: Obed. Handling	Spodak	1-2	11:45-1:00 pm	Agility-Handling A	Heyes	Bldg.
12:00-1:00 pm	Discussion	Spodak		Starts 8/20-10/8			
1:00	Freestyle Training	Spodak	Bldg.	2:00-4:00	Tricks Test, 9/10	Harab	Bldg
5:00	Puppy K	Rosen	2-3	3:00-3:50	CGC Prep, 8/26, 9/9-23	Jeweler	Bldg
				10/14-28, 11/4			
8:00-9:15	Competition Agility	Hall	Bldg.	2:00-5:00	CGC Test, 9/24	Solomon	Bldg
THURSDAY				3:00-5:00	TDI Test, 9/24	Hertz	Bldg
9:30-10:20 am	Sub-Novice	Adler/Dwyer	3	2:00-5:00	CGC Test, 11/5	Solomon	Bldg
9:30-10:20	Novice	Holt	1-2	4:45-6:15	Agility-Intro	deBremond	Bldg.
11:00-11:30	Rally Set-up		2-3	8/13-10/1			
11:30-12:15pm	Competition Rally	Daniel	2-3	6:15-7:30	Handling B	Carter & Wohl	Bldg.
12:15-12:30	Rally Take Down		2-3	Starts 8/13			
12:30-2:30	TG: Open/Utility	Goldstein	Bldg.	More Doings At the Club!			
6:00-6:50	Novice Obed.	Dwyer	1-2	■ CDTC General Meeting: August 8, at 8 pm			
6:00-7:00	Utility Prep	Harry	3	■ CDTC Board Meeting: August 25 at 8 pm			
7:00-8:00 pm	Utility	Harry	2-3				
8:00-9:00	Open Intermediate	Harry	2-3				

August Rally Training Group Schedule

Set up at 1pm. Walk-thrus at 1:25.

Runs start at 1:35, end by 2:45 pm.

The Rally training group 2 will begin to slowly integrate some of the *NEW* rally signs.

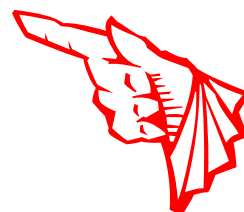
Beginning in September, we will have one ring with nested courses—all utilizing the new signs, and keep one ring with only “old” (2012) signs.

**Rally Training Group in August:
August 5 and 19**

Please check our club’s listserv for any cancellations.

General Membership Meeting

*Tuesday, August 8, 2017
at 8:00 pm*



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